

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT 50X1-HUM

TOPIC 1. Manufacture of Fuel Tank Trucks and Trailers at the IFA Plant in Leipzig
2. Soviet Motor Vehicle Repair Shop in Leipzig-Wahren.

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1. About 80 to 90 tank trucks and about 12 tank truck trailers 50X1-HUM
in front of the IFA Plant and in the yard of this installation in Leipzig-Plaschwitz on 6 December 1950. The new trucks were ready to be picked up.

2. On 15 December 1950, six tank trucks 50X1-HUM
parked on Markranstaedterstrasse were picked up by a detachment led by a lieutenant colonel of the administrative services. Another eight tank trucks 50X1-HUM
had to be made ready for delivery.

3. On 12 January 1951, 10 tank trucks 50X1-HUM
all of them ready for delivery, were observed in front of the Eberspacher Motor Vehicle Body Works on Markranstaedterstrasse. 50X1-HUM

4. In the noon hours of 13 January 1951, seven tank trucks 50X1-HUM
were being made ready for dispatch by five soldiers led by a tank officer. Motor vehicle 50X1-HUM
were seen on approximately 40 tank trucks and 20 trailers parked in front of the IFA Metal Working Plant. 50X1-HUM

5. On the afternoon of 18 January 1951, a convoy of 13 tank trucks 50X1-HUM
was proceeding through Leipzig in the direction of Halle. 50X1-HUM

6. On 19 January 1951, numerous trucks were seen parked on Markranstaedterstrasse. 50X1-HUM

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7. On the afternoon of 22 January 1951, about 50 tank trucks with trailers, ready to be picked up, [redacted] in front of the IFA Plant on Markranstaedterstrasse. [redacted]

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From 25 to 30 tank containers were piled up in a side street.

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8. On the morning of 28 January a convoy of eight three-axle tank trucks [redacted] and attached two-axle trailers were proceeding from the IFA Plant in the direction of Taucha-Eilenburg. The tank trucks, which were driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets [redacted]

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9. During the period from 9 to 13 February 1951, all the tank trucks parked in front of the Ebersbecher Motor Vehicle Body Plant in Leipzig were picked up by Soviet detachments wearing black-bordered and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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Forty-six tank truck trailers, each with a capacity of 5,000 liters, remained at the parking site.

10. On 7 April 1951, it was learned that Soviet tank trucks had not been at the Ebersbecher Metal Working Plant on Markranstaedterstrasse, Leipzig, since 3 March. The plant on Wachsmuthstrasse still had 60 finished tanks for tank truck trailers. The tanks were guarded by German factory police.

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11. In late January 1951, it was learned that a Soviet motor vehicle repair shop of Maintenance Unit [redacted] was located on the premises of the former Buessing branch plant in Leipzig-Wahren. All the motor vehicles of the troop units stationed in the Leipzig area were, allegedly, overhauled there. (2) Officers assigned to this installation included Lieutenant Colonel Belanshikov (fnu), Major Khudenski (fnu), Captain Arkadyev, (fnu), Captain Baranovski (fnu), Captain Boredni (fnu), and Senior Lieutenant Babyuk (fnu). (3) The motor vehicle repair shop was guarded by German Volkspolizei who were commanded by Soviet officers.

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12. ZIS trucks [redacted] were being used to haul materials and spare parts to and from the installation. These trucks also picked up fuel at Piesteritz (H 52/E 37). Tank truck [redacted] with a capacity of 4,000 liters was seen in the garage of the repair shop. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) Confirms the large motor vehicle repair shop at the IFA Plant, formerly Ebersbecher, at the intersection of Markranstaedter and Wachsmuth Strasse.

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The repair shop specializes in the repair of tank trucks. [redacted]

- (2) [redacted] the 54th Central Repair Shop in Burzen, which has branch installations in Leipzig and Apolda. It is not quite clear whether the Leipzig branch plant is located at the former Buessing Plant on Linkelstrasse or at the former Koellmann Plant on Terrauerstrasse. 50X1-HUM
- (3) Belanishikov is believed to be identical with Belanakhilov, (fnu), who is known to be the commanding officer of the unit located at the Koellmann Plant. [redacted] Khudenski is known to be the commanding officer of the 54th Central Repair Shop. [redacted] . Uara- 50X1-HUM
- novski was reported as being the chief of the engineer park of the Leipzig branch installation of the 54th Central Repair Shop. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- The two other officers are mentioned for the first time. 50X1-HUM

- (4) Paragraph 1: 11th Gds Tank Div of the First Gds Mecz Army; 50X1-HUM
 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army;
 21st Gds Mecz Div of the Eighth Gds Army;
 6th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 an unidentified artillery division of the GOFG in Potsdam;
 an unidentified series of the Eighth Gds Army, air force units; 50X1-HUM

- Paragraph 2: An unidentified artillery division of the GOFG in Potsdam;
 6th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
 9th Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 air force units;
 headquarters units of the Third Shock Army; 50X1-HUM

- Paragraph 3: An unidentified artillery division of the GOFG in Potsdam;
 21st Gds Mecz Div of the Eighth Gds Army;
 6th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
 9th Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army; 50X1-HUM

- Paragraph 4: 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 headquarters units of the Third Shock Army;
 air force units.

- Paragraph 5: 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;

- Paragraph 6: Air force units.

- Paragraph 7: 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army;
 an unidentified series of the Third Shock Army;
 57th Gds Rifle Div of the Eighth Gds Army;
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- Paragraph 8: 3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army;
 air force units.

- Paragraph 9: 7th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
 25th Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;

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6th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
an unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army;
an unidentified artillery division of the GOFG in Potsdam;
4th AT Arty Brig of the GOFG;
3d Gds AAA Div of the Third Shock Army;
headquarters units of the LXXIX Rifle Corps of the Third Shock
Army;
8th Gds Mecz or 9th Tank Div of the First Gds Mecz Army;
9th Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
9th Gds Rifle Div of the Third Shock Army;
9th Mecz or 14th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
headquarters units of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
19th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Shock Army;
57th Gds Rifle Div of the Eighth Gds Army;
14th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army;
GOFG;

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Paragraph 12: GOFG;
21st Gds Mecz Div of the Eighth Gds Army.

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